

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A ~~rubber composition comprising A~~  
~~pneumatic tire having a strip, which is located on a breaker edge, comprising a~~  
~~rubber composition comprising:~~

100 parts by weight of (A) a rubber component comprising natural  
rubber and/or isoprene rubber,

4 to 6 parts by weight of (B) sulfur,

0.5 to 2.0 parts by weight of (C) a resin containing resorcin or a  
derivative thereof,

0.5 to 2.0 parts by weight of (D) a compound capable of donating a  
methylene group, and

(E) a cobalt ~~metallic salt~~ stearate.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~rubber composition pneumatic tire~~ of  
Claim 1 which further comprises 50 to 70 parts by weight of (F) carbon black  
having iodine absorption of 70 to 120 (g/kg) and dibutyl phthalate oil  
absorption of 70 to 125 ( $10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>/kg), based on 100 parts by weight of rubber  
component (A).

3. (Currently amended) The ~~rubber composition pneumatic tire of~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the content of cobalt in said cobalt ~~stearate metallic salt~~ (E) is 0.05 to 0.2 part by weight based on 100 parts of weight of rubber component (A).

4. (Canceled)